

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
CHRISTCHURCH



The Easter Vigil
8 April 2023

From the Vicar

"Christ is risen - He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" This ancient phrase echoes the greeting of the angel to Mary Magdalene, to Mary the mother of James, and to Joseph, as they arrived at the sepulchre to anoint the body of Jesus: "He is not here; for he has risen, as he said!". And today it becomes our clarion call as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. For indeed this acclamation is not just empty words of praise, but a call to a whole new way of being. We believe that Christ's resurrection is a pivotal point in the history of the world where God breaks through in order that we may have life, and life abundant. However, with all the good news that the resurrection brings there is also the reality of our hurting world. And so, today's great acclamation that Jesus is risen is not just for ourselves but to be shared with those we meet along the way. But often we don't have the confidence to do this and like those early male disciples we keep it to ourselves. That's why the presence of those first women at the empty tomb is so important. They give us a model of how we should live out the Easter message. They experience the power of the empty tomb and without delay rush to spread this good news to all those who would listen. And as we know some believed and others doubted. But the call was the same. As we experience the power of Christ in our liturgy and the Eucharist this Easter may we like those first women disciples be empowered to proclaim boldly, He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God bless you.

Father Jordan



If you would like a copy of the music for the mass setting and hymns please speak to one of the Sides People.

Online Services

[facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch](https://www.facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch)

Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

Parish Covid Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

THE EASTER VIGIL

The Service of Light

Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

'Oriana Plus': Keryn Ward, Amelia Ryman, Derek Ward, Adrian Lowe, Matthew Harris.

Organ: Paul Ellis

The congregation gathers outside the west door for the blessing of the new fire and the traditional ceremonies of the Paschal Candle, then all enter the darkened church. The candle is carried in. Each time the procession stops, the priest sings:

Priest: Christ our Light. (*genuflect*)

Thanks be to God.

The Exultet: *All stand for the Easter Proclamation:*

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Rejoice, heavenly powers.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

O universe, dance around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,

Radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!

Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!

Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!

Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

The Lord be with you:

Lift up your hearts:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and good that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise you,

Father Almighty, the unseen God, through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin, and reconciled us once again to you.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Glory to you for ever.

For this is the Passover feast, when Christ the true Lamb of God is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful. **Glory to you for ever.**
 This is the night when you first saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery, and leading her safely through the sea. **Glory to you for ever.**
 This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. **Glory to you for ever.**
 This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin, restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ. **Glory to you for ever.**
 This is the night that gave us back what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault. **Glory to you for ever.**
 Most blessed of all nights, evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy. **Glory to you for ever.**
 Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you. **Glory to you for ever.**
 Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Grant that this Easter candle may make our darkness light. **Glory to you for ever.**

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory. Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us. Christ sheds his peaceful light on the world. Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Each reading is followed by sung verses, pause, then a collect.

Reading 1	Genesis 22:1-18	Johann Williams
Psalm 16	O give thanks to the Lord	
R: What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.		
Reading 2	Exodus 14: 10–15:1a	Thomas Visakan
The Song of Moses	I will sing to the Lord (Exodus 15)	
Reading 3	Ezekiel 37: 1–14	Robert Maclagan
Psalm 104	Hear my prayer O Lord	
R: What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.		

Candles are extinguished. All stand in silence.

Priest: Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: He is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The altar candles are lit, then all other lights come on. As the Gloria begins, the bells are rung.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.**

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle: *(sit)*

Romans 6: 3–11

Margaret Maclagan

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

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R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are gracious and your love endures for ever. Let the house of Israel say: "God's love endures for ever." **R.**
2. Let the house of Israel say: God's love endures forever. **R.**
3. The right hand of the Lord raises up, the right hand of the Lord does mighty things. I shall not die but live, and proclaim what the Lord has done. **R.**
4. I shall not die but live: and proclaim, what the Lord has done. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. **R.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Matthew 28: 1–10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Sermon: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Ceremonies at the Font

Led by the Paschal Candle, clergy and servers proceed to the font. Candles are lit. During this time the Cantor sings the Litany of the Saints.

The Litany:

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Holy Mary, Mother of God

....

All holy men and women

Lord, be merciful

....

By your gift of the Holy Spirit

Be merciful to us sinners

By your grace, bless this font of rebirth

Jesus, Son of the living God

Christ, hear us

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Pray for us

Pray for us

Pray for us

Lord, save your people

Lord, save your people

Lord, save your people

Lord, hear our prayer

Lord, hear our prayer

Lord, hear our prayer

Christ, hear us

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

The Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest:

The Lord is here: **God's Spirit is with us.**

Praise God who made heaven and earth: **Whose promise endures for ever.**

Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament.

At the very dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters, making them the well-spring of all holiness. The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of baptism, that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness. Through the waters of the Red Sea you led Israel out of slavery, to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Spirit. Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from his side as he hung upon the cross. After his resurrection he told his disciples: "Go out and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Father, look now with love upon your Church, and unseal for her the fountain of baptism. By the power of the Spirit give to the water of this font the grace of your Son. You created us in your own likeness: cleanse us from sin in a new birth of innocence by water and the Spirit.

May all who are buried with Christ in baptism rise also to newness of life. United in Christ, with all the baptised in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing, honour and glory be yours.

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Let us all renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God? **I renounce all evil.**

Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom, and life?

In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life.

What is your faith?

I believe and trust in God the Father, maker and sustainer of all things; and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ; and in God the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth. This is my faith.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you forgive others as you are forgiven? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself, and strive for peace and justice? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ in your daily life and work? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole Church will you proclaim, by word and action, the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

God our creator, the rock of our salvation, we thank you for our new birth by water and the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of our sins, and for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised in your name; keep us faithful to the calling of our baptism, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The priest sprinkles the people with blessed water from the font. Candles are extinguished.

Jesus Christ is risen, Jesus Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia.

The First Mass of the Resurrection

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ. **By one spirit we were baptised into one body.**

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: **Amen.**

We are bound by the love of Christ.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory: Arina and Aland Fish

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to
share in the divinity of Christ,

who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human
hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory hymn: 345

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know He is your choice.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in His great name,
With the same faith His word proclaim.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of servants brave and true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good,
and the good of all his Church.**

Lord, accept the prayers and offerings of your people. With your help, may this Easter mystery of our redemption bring to perfection the saving work you have begun in us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son. We praise you with greater joy than ever on this Easter night, when Christ became our Paschal sacrifice. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored, and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Mass for 4 Voices:

Plainsong

William Byrd

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.

Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks, He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be. Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us be still in the presence of God

Silence

The Communion

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Jane Evans

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Mass for 4 Voices:

Plainsong

William Byrd

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Christ became our Paschal sacrifice.

Let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.

Communion Anthem: Mass for four voices

William Byrd

Communion Motet: Haec dies

Surgens Jesus

Giovanni Puerluigi da Palestrina

Peter Phillips

God, the giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may show forth the glory of the resurrection to all the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. **Amen**

Solemn Blessing:

Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May almighty God bless you on this solemn night of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin. **Amen.**

You have mourned for Christ's sufferings, may you share now in the glories of his resurrection. **Amen.**

You have been buried with him in baptism, may you know his healing power and come with joy to the feast which lasts for ever. **Amen.**

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia. **Amen.**

We go in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn: 117

The Lord is risen indeed!
Now is his work performed;
Now is the mighty Captive freed,
And death's strong castle stormed.

The Lord is risen indeed!
Then hell has lost his prey;
With him is risen the ransomed seed
To reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed!
He lives, to die no more;
He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
Whose curse and shame he bore.

Organ Recessional: Processional

William Mathias

Our thanks to the Chamber Choir, ' Oriana Plus'

Amelia Ryman, Keryn Ward, Derek Ward, Adrian Lowe and Matthew Harris.

Parish Annual General Meeting

30 April 2023 after the 10am Mass

Reports are due on 17 April 2023. Please email them to the Parish Office at
smaa@xtra.co.nz.

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THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**Second Sunday of Easter**

16 April 2023

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch
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Servers: SD: Margaret Maclagan	MC: Robert Calvert	Th: Thomas Visakan
Cr: Sung Bae	Ac: Andrew Moorhouse, Carol Fraser	
First Reading:	Jenny Daniels	Acts 10: 22-32
Second Reading:	Joshua Wilson Black	1 Peter 1: 3-9
Gospel:	John 20: 19-31	
Sermon:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Eucharist Ministers:	Margaret Maclagan, Jenny Daniels	
Sides people:	Joy Coulter, Gail Chiswell	
Intercessions:	Robert Maclagan	
Offertory:	Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson	
Morning Tea:	Judith McKaskell, Pat Pilkington	
Sacristan:	Joshua Wilson Black	
Sacristy:	-	
Livestream:	Michael Graveston	
Flowers:	Johnann Williams, Sue Shannons	
Evensong Readers:	Simon Green, Barbara Moreton	

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Shirley Kember, Clemency Mutze, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

Anniversaries: (Sun) Phyl Talbot (Mon) Olwen Howells (Tues) Sr Judith—CSN
(Wed) Joseph Rutter (Sat) Andrew Starky— Priest.

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This Sunday	Easter Day 9 April 2023
8:00 am	Low Mass
9:30 am	Solemn Mass & Procession
7:00 pm	Solemn Festal Evensong & Benediction
Monday	
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	
12:35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	
12:00 pm	Meditation Group
12:35 pm	Mass
Thursday	
11:00 am	Bible Studies
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	
12.35 pm	Mass
Next Sunday	The Second Sunday in Easter 16 April 2023
8:00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	Solemn Mass
7:00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

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